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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Submitted herewith are copies of the documents identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the documents submitted herewith and make them of record.

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

1. This application is related to Application Serial No. 09/912,899 filed July 25, 2001, which is a Division of previously identified related Application Serial No. 09/203,638 (now abandoned). Serial No. 09/203,638 was identified as a related application in the Information Disclosure Statement filed June 28, 2001. Submitted herewith is a copy of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2001/0045506 A1, which is the U.S. publication of pending Serial No. 09/912,899.

**PRIOR ART DOCUMENTS**

An Office Action dated November 7, 2002 has been received in Serial No. 09/912,899. A copy of said Office Action dated

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November 7, 2002 is submitted herewith, and said Office Action is listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08B.

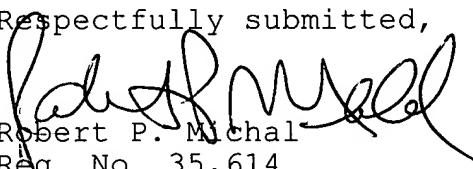
Also submitted herewith are copies of the two U.S. patents and one Japanese document cited by the Examiner in said Office Action dated November 7, 2002 in said related Application Serial No. 09/912,899. These documents are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

Still further, also submitted herewith are copies of other documents which were filed by applicant in an Information Disclosure Statement in said Serial No. 09/912,899 and which are not yet of record in the parent application. These documents are also listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return initialed copies of the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B to confirm that the documents listed therein have all been considered and made of record. The documents are considered material to the subject matter of the present application since they were cited during prosecution of a related application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider all of the documents submitted herewith and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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